

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A combination which comprises (a) 4-[α -(4-cyanophenyl)-1-(1,2,4-triazolyl)methyl]-benzonitrile (letrozole) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof ~~an aromatase inhibitor~~ and (b) 2-(imidazol-1yl)-1-hydroxyethane-1,1-diphosphonic acid (zoledronic acid) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof ~~a bisphosphonate~~ in which the active ingredients (a) and (b) are present in each case in free form or in the form of a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, for simultaneous, concurrent, separate or sequential use in the prevention of bone loss which is caused by the treatment with an aromatase inhibitor of a disease or condition which responds to aromatase inhibition.

Claims 2-9 (cancelled)

Claim 10 (currently amended): A package comprising a 2-(imidazol-1yl)-1-hydroxyethane-1,1-diphosphonic acid (zoledronic acid) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof ~~bisphosphonate~~ together with instructions for use in combination with ~~an~~ 4-[α -(4-cyanophenyl)-1-(1,2,4-triazolyl)methyl]-benzonitrile (letrozole) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof ~~aromatase inhibitor~~ for prevention of bone loss which is caused by the treatment with an aromatase inhibitor of a disease or condition which responds to aromatase inhibition. ~~[[,]] or a package comprising an aromatase inhibitor together with instructions for use in combination with a bisphosphonate for prevention of bone loss which is caused by the treatment with an aromatase inhibitor of a disease or condition which responds to aromatase inhibition.~~

Claims 11-17 (cancelled)

Claim 18 (currently amended): A method of ~~preventing~~ treating bone loss in a patient suffering from an estrogen dependent disorder and receiving an aromatase inhibitor comprising administering to said patient an effective amount of a 2-(imidazol-1yl)-1-hydroxyethane-1,1-diphosphonic acid (zoledronic acid) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof ~~bisphosphonate~~.

Claim 19 (currently amended): A method of ~~preventing~~treating cancer treatment-related bone loss in a postmenopausal woman with ER+ and/or PR+ breast cancer receiving an aromatase inhibitor as adjuvant therapy comprising administering to said postmenopausal woman an effective amount of a 2-(imidazol-1yl)-1-hydroxyethane-1,1-diphosphonic acid (zoledronic acid) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof~~bisphosphonate~~.

Claims 20-21 (cancelled)

Claim 22 (previously presented): The method according to claim 18 wherein the aromatase inhibitor is letrozole or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 23 (currently amended): The method according to claim 18 wherein the 2-(imidazol-1yl)-1-hydroxyethane-1,1-diphosphonic acid (zoledronic acid) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof is administered once every six months.

Claim 24 (currently amended): A method of treating ~~or preventing~~ bone loss caused by the treatment with an aromatase inhibitor of a disease or condition which responds to aromatase inhibition comprising administering to a patient in need of such treatment ~~or prevention~~ an effective amount of 4- α -(4-cyanophenyl)-1-(1,2,4-triazolyl)methyl--benzonitrile (letrozole) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof~~an aromatase inhibitor~~ and an effective amount of a 2-(imidazol-1yl)-1-hydroxyethane-1,1-diphosphonic acid (zoledronic acid) or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof~~bisphosphonate~~.

Claim 25 (cancelled)